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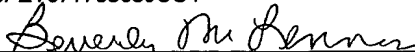
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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Dear Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified new Patent Application:

1. Abstract and Specification (23 pages, 57 claims); and
2. Informal Drawings (8 sheets).

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